In the Specification

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 8 as follows:

In an exemplary embodiment, the coupling member is a disc~~disk~~-shaped plate and the base member is a plate having a circular cavity formed therein that is sized and adapted to receive the coupling member in a nested state. For example, the coupling member and the base member are co-planar flat plates when in the nested state. The coupling member, the base member and the latch member may be formed of a material chosen from metal, plastic and a combination of metal and plastic. Moreover, the array of positioning holes may be such as to permit the base member to be mounted in at least two different orientations relative to the longitudinal axis of the snowboard.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 9 as follows:

From the foregoing, the present invention is also directed to an assembly that is adapted to secure to the support surface of a snowboard. This assembly includes a base member that affixes to the support surface of the snowboard to define a mounted state with this base member having a circular opening formed therein and including a radially inwardly projecting flange. A disc~~disk~~-shaped coupling member is rotatably disposed in the circular opening in the base member to define a nested state. This coupling member is operative to engage the flange. The coupling member has a bottom surface adapted to confront the upper surface of the snowboard such that the coupling member is secured between the flange and the snowboard in the coupled state. The coupling member also has a plurality of openings adapted to receive fasteners thereby to secure a binding thereto. A binding member is then adapted to be

mounted to the coupling member and is operative to receive the boot of a rider. Engagement between the coupling member and the base member can be accomplished by a circumferential lip on the coupling member that engages the flange on the base member.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 11 as follows:

The present invention is also directed to a mount that is adapted to secure to a support surface of a snowboard. In this embodiment, the mount includes a base member and a disc~~disk~~-shaped coupling member of a type described above with respect to the assembly. The additional structure of this mount, absent the binding, is that as described above. The mount can also form the basis for an improvement to a snow riding system that also includes the snowboard and bindings noted above; this is also an aspect of the invention.

Please amend the third paragraph on page 17 as follows:

Mount 50 is best shown in Figures 8-12. In these figures, it may be seen that mount 50 includes a base member 52 and a disc~~disk~~-shaped coupling member 72 that are formed out of any suitable metal, plastic or a combination of metal and plastic. In this embodiment, each of base member 52 and coupling member 72 are formed out of aluminum. Base member 52 is adapted to be affixed to the upper support surface 12 of snowboard 10 by means of fasteners, such as fasteners 34 or 44. To this end, base member 52 has a plurality of positioning holes that are sized and adapted to receive these fasteners. With reference to Figure 10, it may be seen that a first pair of holes 54

are oriented along a first line "x" and are spaced a selected distance "d" apart from one another. A second pair of holes 56 are oriented along a second line "y" and are spaced the selected distance "d" apart from one another. A third pair of holes 58 are oriented along a third line "z" that is different from line "y" and are spaced the distance "d" apart from one another. Each of second line "y" and third line "z" is oriented at an angle "a" with respect to first line "x". Thus, the angle "a" is selected so that the first holes 54 and second holes 56 are located at the corners of an imaginary first rectangle and wherein the first holes 54 and the second holes 58 are located at the corners of a second imaginary rectangle.

Please amend the first paragraph beginning on page 18 as follows:

Base member 50 has a centrally located circular opening 60 formed therein. As is seen in Figure 9, this central opening has a radially inwardly projecting flange 62 that defines an undercut 64. Coupling member 72, on the other hand, has an outwardly projecting lip 74 that forms a shoulder 76 which is engaged by flange 62. Disc~~Disk~~-shaped coupling member 72 is shown in Figure 9 in a nested state where it is disposed in the circular opening 60 in base member 52. Disc~~Disk~~-shaped coupling member 72 has a bottom surface 78 that is adapted to confront the upper surface 12 of the snowboard 10 when base member 52 is affixed thereon in a mounted state. The interactions of flange 62 and shoulder 76 then secure the lip 74 of coupling member 72 between the flange 62 and the snowboard 10. When in the nested state, coupling member 72 and base member 52 are generally in a common plane with their upper and lower surfaces being co-extensive and co-planar; that is, coupling member 72 and base

member 52 are substantially co-planar flat plates when in the nested relationship. Coupling member 72 has a plurality of threaded openings 80 that are adapted to receive standard threaded fasteners thereby to secure binding 16 thereto. With reference to Figure 12, it may be seen that the underside of base member 52 has a plurality of cavities 102 formed in the lower surface 55 thereof in order to reduce the amount of metal and weight of mount 50.